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Waiver Explanation

Rolling Stone is one of the most widely read magazines in the United States, and Adam Rawsley is a political and national security reporter with an extensive pedigree. As of this writing, the top story on Rolling Stone is the obituary of Kissinger written by Spencer Ackerman, <https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/henry-kissinger-war-criminal-dead-1234804748>. Rolling Stone clearly has the reach and the editorial skills to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, which would be undeniably implicated in records about one of the country's most well-known governmental figures and, more importantly, in FBI activities related to him. And it goes without saying that Rolling Stone has no commercial interest in these records.

Documentation Files

Deceased Individual

Prefix**First Name**

Henry

Middle Name**Last Name**

Kissinger

Suffix**ARN****SSN****FBI Number****Date of Birth**

1923/05/27

Place of Birth

Date of Death

2023/11/29

Additional Information

On behalf of my client Rolling Stone LLC, and in particular its reporter Adam Rawnsley, I request all FBI records about Henry Kissinger. This may not be limited to "main file records" or records located in the CRS. In addition to searching the CRS for cross-references, we specifically request all information about Kissinger located by a full-text search of Sentinel as well as all email records in the New York and Washington Field Offices which contain the word "Kissinger." Given Kissinger's prominence and the fact that he continued to interact with the highest levels of the U.S. government until his death (see, e.g., the document bates-stamped "FBI (19cv1278)-6667" which was an email chain between senior Trump campaign officials obtained during the Mueller Investigation), it is highly probable that records mentioning his name would be located in these systems yet not included in the CRS because they would be unlikely to be "of investigative interest." An obituary can be found at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/obituaries/2023/11/29/henry-kissinger-dead-obituary/>. Please release all responsive records in electronic form.

Supporting documentation

Expedite

Expedite Reason

Rolling Stone, a well-recognized representative of the news media primarily engaged in the dissemination of information, is requesting these records to satisfy an urgent need to inform the public about actual or alleged federal government activity, namely, the activities of FBI and other agencies in which Kissinger, an extremely polarizing figure in many circles, played a direct or indirect role, or even those activities, like the Mueller Investigation, where FBI was looking into his activities. Kissinger's death and the opportunity it presents for obtaining these long-sought-after records are the very definition of a breaking news story which concerns a matter of current exigency to the public. Furthermore, the above reasons clearly demonstrate that this is a matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence.